IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Koichi INAGAKI

Title: PROGRAM RECORDING AND

DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM, PROGRAM RECORDING AND DISTRIBUTING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING A RECORDING AND

DISTRIBUTING PROGRAM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 3 and 4 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 3. (Amended) A program recording and distributing system according to claim 1, wherein said server associates and stores the storage time and program name when the program data is stored in said recording process.
- 4. (Amended) A program recording and distributing system according to claim 1, wherein said server periodically distributes program data stored in said distribution process.

- 11. (New) A program recording and distributing system according to claim 2, wherein said server associates and stores the storage time and program name when the program data is stored in said recording process.
- 12. (New) A program recording and distributing system according to claim 2, wherein said server periodically distributes program data stored in said distribution process.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claims 3 and 4 and new Claims 11 and 12 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

- 3. (Amended) A program recording and distributing system according to [claims 1 and 2] claim 1, wherein said server associates and stores the storage time and program name when the program data is stored in said recording process.
- 4. (Amended) A program recording and distributing system according to [claims 1 and 2] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein said server periodically distributes program data stored in said distribution process.